

Resolutions

That the Mahoning county, Ohio, radicals did not get in; but, we can vote for Watson and Tibbles.

We, the democrats of Mahoning county, have heard, that

"In his haste, King David said, 'All men are liars.'"

We believe that if he lived in the present age of political degeneracy, and had heard the Lodge platform at Chicago and the Williams-Hill platform at St. Louis, he would, after mature deliberation say, that all republican conventions are liars, whether held in Chicago or in St. Louis.

The opinion of the king, we think, does neither of these conventions wrong.

The national convention (democratic by name alone), which held its criminal seance at St. Louis July 6, 1904, busied itself in the solution of the grave and weighty question of how to use a world of words and say nothing.

Our assembled representatives therefore threw together that sinister medley of the platitudes and abstractions of hypocrisy and tyranny, known as the democratic platform—the living shame, the undying dishonor of American democracy, which has not even the recommendation of an honest delusion, but is a compound of fraud and deception, and which for general aridity, insincerity, triviality and ambiguity, must forever remain the envy of hypocrites and tyrants.

Stripped of its empty bombast, its pompous phrase and flowery verbiage, and the ridiculous gravity of its style, we understand the platform to say:

1. We want office and graft.
2. We are afraid of losing the few offices we have.
3. "We need the money" and are willing to take it from any source.
4. "We've been in the minority long enough."

(And then hear the thunder of the paramount issue:)

5. Tariff is robbery—we favor tariff only not so much as the Chicago republicans. We are more on a gentle but frequent touch—that we favor tariff.

7. After the big band of monopoly has fixed its iron grip on every island in the archipelago, we will oppose the Philippine policy of the present administration. Let's not offend monopoly.

Oh! Pit of Tophet! What a spectacle of servility! A democratic convention, like a hybrid of kicking the hand of the power that afterward slapped its face with a telegram, and then raving and slobbering in oratorical eulogy over that slap as Anthony did on Caesar's fancied virtues!

Our candidate asks but one term in the "servitude of honor." And well he may for the one aim of his administration must be to pluck from curbed license the muzzle of restraint so the wild dog of privilege may flesh his tooth in every innocent, and play havoc with the common rights of men, that no hare-brained, purblind wretch in Bedlam could be, by the same man, a second time deceived.

We regard the democratic party as the most enduring and potent political force ever formed under this government and we view with dread and alarm the surrender of an engine of so much power into the hands of trust and combinations, and we despise the reptile prudence, so much resembling cowardice in a convention which sought to enlist the party as a sort of captain in that army of pillage and plunder, the Standard Oil monopoly.

We look upon the success of this national ticket as a calamity more to be feared than complete disorganization and feel that the party can not remain a party of the people, except by its defeat, believing at all times that no candidate should succeed who receives his nomination at the hands of monopoly almost under the same conditions as the scavenger receives his job.

We, therefore, stand no more with the "democrat" who attempts to walk in the middle of the road, swallows the platform, and, after a few grimaces, scrambles into a seat in the bandwagon, than we do with the Pharisee who assumes the name and passes by on the other side, and we declare our opposition to imperialism and colonialism, to government by injunction, to trusts and tariffs, and to every form of special privilege, being convinced, that under whatever name robbery is committed, the effect upon the victim must always be the same.

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The Initiative Amendment of Rhode Island

Editor Independent: Governor Garvin of Rhode Island convened the legislature in extraordinary session September 13, to take action on some important matters which had been neglected in the regular session. The governor's message made seven recommendations, one of which was as follows:

"The amendment known as the 'constitutional initiative' provides that 5,000 voters of the state may by petition propose a specific and particular amendment to the constitution and have that amendment submitted by the secretary of state to the vote of the qualified electors at the general election next succeeding. For the choice of elective officers we now have the initiative and referendum—the initiative in the primary meeting and the referendum in the subsequent election. For constitutional amendments there also exists the popular referendum, but not the popular initiative. The purpose of the pending amendment is to give to the people that control over measures which they already have over men."

"The pending amendment merely carries out in a reasonable way what the founders of this government desired but failed to accomplish. No argument worthy of the name has been, or can be, advanced against the adoption, much less the submission of the amendment. In its speedy establishment lies the best hope for the preservation of a government by the people—the salvation of the republic."

The legislature adjourned on the same day that it was convened, without action. Governor Garvin is nominated for governor a third time. To prevent his being heard the republican committee have engaged every important hall in the state for every evening, except Sundays, until election.

MRS. PERRY MARSHALL.

"God Bless Watson"

Editor Independent: It was my pleasure and good fortune to hear Hon. Thomas E. Watson speak at Newton, N. C., on the 3d instant. The crowd was large and enthusiastic and the brilliant Watson made a profound impression. It was the greatest political speech I have ever heard, and I have had a good opportunity to hear many of the great political orators of the country, having served for a number of years as an assistant sergeant-at-

arms of the United States senate. Men of all political faiths pronounced the speech the greatest they had ever heard.

Mr. Watson is a frail man in body, but a giant in intellect. In his arraignment of both of the old republican parties he was powerful, persuasive and eloquent. While he was speaking, strong, stalwart and stout-hearted men were seen to shed tears. With such a giant in intellect as Watson for leader our cause will ultimately triumph; for he is earnest, honest, able and incorruptible. God bless him and keep him in health and strength to fight the battles for the "forgotten man."

The Charlotte (N. C.) Observer (dem.) staff reporter, in his account of Mr. Watson's masterly speech at Newton, said:

"He is not a strenuous speaker, but the most persuasive, the most engaging and entertaining that I have ever heard. I have heard Bryan, the Dixons and other great speakers, but this beat the band."

After Mr. Watson concluded his speech, Hon. L. L. Witherspoon, a leading democratic lawyer of Newton, said to him: "Mr. Watson, I am a democrat, and for that reason I shall support you."

On October 27 our gallant leader will speak at Tarboro, N. C. When the "old north state" once gets aroused, there will be "something doing." Hon. A. C. Shuford, former congressman, is now actively engaged in the reorganization of the party. I send you herewith for publication an address which we have just issued to the North Carolina voters. This movement is on and the powers of hell and plutocracy can not prevail against it.

Yours for victory and for humanity,
JAMES B. LLOYD.

From Texas

Editor Independent: I desire to advise you that the people's party is now in the hands of its friends, that old things have passed away and new vigor and life has been infused into the dead (according to the democrats), and under the leadership of Watson and Tibbles, the people here in Texas are prepared to fight and to a finish. Texas stands today as she stood at St. Louis in 1896, in the middle of the road, for a whole loaf or none.

I desire also to state that there is no authority in Texas connected with the people's party who is authorized to

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speak for it, except the chairman, J. J. Eager, and he through the executive committee. The headquarters of the party is at Cisco, Texas, from which point all authorized communications will be issued. Nothing whatever is official unless signed by Eager, from headquarters at Cisco. This action is taken, from the fact that the expressions and interviews in newspapers by people with a little brief authority, did the party untold injury, and caused great dissatisfaction among the people. The party as now organized will profit by its past experiences, and will try to avoid past mistakes, and knowing its traitors and enemies of the past, intends to give them no chance to repeat the dose they gave the party when it was young and sappy.

There is a wonderful change for the better in Texas, and show our political enemies that Senators Bailey and Culberson's advice to the state candidates, to get busy among the people, was based upon a just appreciation of the true situation, though unheeded.

TAYLOR McRAE.

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